BIAL. AAI hold 13% equity in BIAL with a cap of Rs. 50 crores. AAI has contributed 1.87 crores as advance against equity to BIAL during 2004-05. There is no Central share of Govt, of India in the Project.

(e) The work on the proposed airport will commence immediately after the Financial Close and the target opening date of the airport will be 33 months from the date of Financial Close.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Modification of Terminal 2B of the International Airport at Mumbai

1. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Airports Authority of India is examining a proposal to modify terminal 2B of the Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport, Mumbai;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal;

(c) whether the Ministry has sanctioned a substantial amount for the project; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and by when the work will start?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Airports Authority of India proposes to modify and upgrade the interiors of Terminal 2B and also extend the T'erminal 2B towards airside at all the floors for an overall area of 16200 sqm. at an estimated cost of Rs. 94.10 crores approximately to be funded through its internal resources.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The applications for shortlisting of cc .ractors for the execution of the works have been invited and the workt are expected to start this year.

Open Skies Agreements

2. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether following the decision to allow private airlines to fly from

India to foreign destinations, Government have signed/negotiated open skies agreements with different countries;

(b) if so, the names of the countries with whom such agreements have been negotiated/signed; and

(c) the details of the agreements indicating the bilateral/multilateral obligations arising therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) India has so far entered into open skies agreement only with United States of America.

(c) This agreement provides the legal framework for operation of air services between India and USA. As per the agreement, both countries can designate any number of airlines for operation of any number of services to any point in the territory of the other country with full intermediate and beyond rights. The bilateral obligations as well as the rights accrue equally to both the contracting parties. There are no multilateral obligations arising out of the agreement.

Maintenance of Hyderabad Airport

3. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pieased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the flooring at Hyderabad airport is slippery and dangerous and a number of elderly passengers have been hurt;

(b) the reasons for the poor management at Hyderabad airprot;

(c) whether there is any linkage between the recent arrests of airport managers of Hyderabad airport and the poor maintenance of the airport; and

(d) what steps will be taken by Government to ensure that the entire airport and its maintenance comes under active and expert scrutiny immediately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) No complaint either on the material or on finishing including incident of injury to any elderly passenger due to slippery flooring has so far been received by the Airports Authority of India.